# Case 3:15-cv-00447-JPG-RJD Document 1-1 Filed 04/22/15 Page 1 of 16 Page ID #5CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

State of Illinois

State of Illinois ) County of St. Clair )	944)	Case Number 15-L-121
# # # P	(i)	Amount Claimed IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.00 +
RICHARD A. CLARK and JENNIFER CLARK		RIVER METALS RECYCLING, ILC and SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY, ILC
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	Plaintiff(s)	Defendant(s)
Classification Prefix	Code	Nature of ActionCode
Pltf. Atty. Joseph A. Bartholomew Address 12 West Lincoln St. City_Belleville, IL62220 Add. Pltf. Atty.	Code	TO THE SHERIFF: SERVE THIS DEFENDANT AT: NAME RIVER METALS RECYCLING, LLC c/o Registered agent
default may be taken against you for t	opy of which is he the relief asked in	ereto attached. If you fail to do so, a judgment by
the complaint.  TO THE OFFICER:  This summons must be return	ed by the officer	efault may be taken against you for the relief prayed in or other person to whom it was given for service, with tely after service. In the event that paragraph A of this
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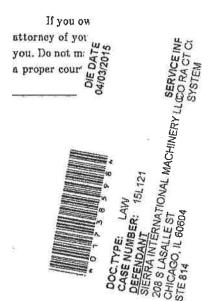
# NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS (Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule)

In a civil action for money (under \$15,000) in which the summons requires your appearance on a specified day, you may enter your appearance as follows:

- 1. You may enter your appearance prior to the time specified in the summons by filing a written appearance, answer or motion in person or by attorney at the office of the Circuit Clerk, #10 Public Square, Belleville, Illinois.
- 2. You may enter your appearance at the time and place specified in the summons by making your presence known to the Judge when your case is called.

When you appear in Court, the Judge will require you to enter your appearance in writing, if you have not already done so. Your written appearance, answer, or motion shall state with particularity the address where service of notice or papers may be made upon you or an attorney representing you.

Your case will be heard on the date set forth in the summons unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Only the Court can make this exception. Do not call upon the Court Clerk or the Sheriff's office if you feel you will be unable to be present at the time and place specified. Continuances can be granted only on the day set forth in the summons, and then only for good cause shown. You, or someone representing you, MUST APPEAR IN PERSON at the specified time and place and make such a request.



plaintiff before the return date on the summons, notify the plaintiff or his ippear at the time specified and ask for the dismissal of the suit against tor the Sheriff, as only the Judge can dismiss a case, and, then only with en Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RICHARD A. CLARK and
JENNIFER CLARK,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC,
and SIERRA INTERNATIONAL
MACHINERY, LLC

Defendants.

NO. ST. CLAIR COUNTY
FEB 2 6 2015

AFFIDAVIT

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. That he is the attorney for the Plaintiffs. That upon information and belief the damages suffered by the Plaintiffs in the instant complaint attached hereto exceeds the sum of \$50,000.00.

Affiant further sayeth not

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, this

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2016

COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD. 12 West Lincoln Street Belleville, Illinois 62220 (618) 235-3500 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RICHARD A. CLARK and JENNIFER CLARK,	)
Plaintiffs, vs.	15AR 205 No. 15-12-121
RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC,	FILED ST. CLAIR COUNTY
and_SIERRA_INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY, LLC	FEB. 2 6 2015
Defendants.	) Alhaha Car

## COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

#### COUNT I

Comes now the Plaintiff, RICHARD A. CLARK, by and through his attorneys, COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD., and JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW, and for Count I of his Complaint against the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, states as follows:

- 1. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiff, RICHARD A. CLARK, was an employee of Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC and during the course of his employment was required to refill the hydraulic fluid on a Sierra International Machinery LLC 2006 model number RB6000 car logger/baler serial #125105 and during the course of his employment he slipped and fell.
- 2. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING, LLC, was a Kentucky corporation authorized to

do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner of the bailer.

- 3. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, was a California corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner and/or leasor of the bailer whom they leased to Plaintiff's employer Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC.
- 4. That at said time and place, and at the time it left the possession and control of the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, the car logger/baler was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition in that:
  - a. it failed to provide adequate platform and/or area in which to provide known maintenance including refilling the hydraulic fluid;
  - b. it failed to have handrails or area in which to hold onto while performing routine maintenance including refilling hydraulic fluid.
- 5. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unreasonably dangerous conditions the Plaintiff, Richard A. Clark, slipped and fell causing him to severely injure his left arm including open fractures, dislocation and/or nerve injury and injury to his body as a whole; the Plaintiff has suffered physical pain, mental suffering, mental anguish and distress, disability, disfigurement and loss of enjoyment of a normal life; the Plaintiff is

permanently disabled and has been permanently prevented from attending his usual affairs and duties and has lost wages and income that he would have earned and will lose additional sums in the future; the Plaintiff has incurred and will become liable for large sums of money in hospital, medical and related expenses and will become liable for additional sums in the future, all to the damage to the Plaintiff in a substantial amount.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff RICHARD A. CLARK, prays judgment against the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, in a sum in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus costs herein expended.

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW Attorney for Plaintiff IL REG. #6187925

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### COUNT II

Comes now the Plaintiff, RICHARD A. CLARK, by and through his attorneys, COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD., and JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW, and for Count II of his Complaint against the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, states as follows:

- 1. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiff,
  RICHARD A. CLARK, was an employee of Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC
  and during the course of his employment was required to refill
  the hydraulic fluid on a Sierra International Machinery LLC 2006
  model number RB6000 car logger/baler serial #125105 and during
  the course of his employment he slipped and fell.
- 2. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING, LLC, was a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner of the bailer.
- 3. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, was a California corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner and/or leasor of the bailer whom they leased to plaintiff's employer Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC.
  - 4. That at said time and place, and at the time it left the possession and control of the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, the baler was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition in that:
    - a. it failed to provide adequate platform and/or area in which to provide known maintenance including refilling the hydraulic fluid;
    - b. it failed to have handrails or area in which to hold onto while performing routine maintenance including refilling hydraulic fluid.

5. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unreasonably dangerous conditions the Plaintiff, Richard A. Clark, slipped and fell causing him to severely injure his left arm including open fractures, dislocation and/or nerve injury and injury to his body as a whole; the Plaintiff has suffered physical pain, mental suffering, mental anguish and distress, disability, disfigurement and loss of enjoyment of a normal life; the Plaintiff is permanently disabled and has been permanently prevented from attending his usual affairs and duties and has lost wages and income that he would have earned and will lose additional sums in the future; the Plaintiff has incurred and will become liable for large sums of money in hospital, medical and related expenses and will become liable for additional sums in the future, all to the damage to the Plaintiff in a substantial amount.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff RICHARD A. CLARK, prays judgment against the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, in a sum in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus costs herein expended.

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW Attorney for Plaintiff IL REG. #6187925 COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD. 12 West Lincoln Street Belleville, Illinois 62220 (618) 235-3500

# COUNT III

Comes now the Plaintiff, JENNIFER CLARK, by and through his attorneys, COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD., and JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW, and for Count III of her Complaint against the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, states as follows:

- 1. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiff,
  RICHARD A. CLARK, was an employee of Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC
  and during the course of his employment was required to refill
  the hydraulic fluid on a Sierra International Machinery LLC 2006
  model number RB6000 car logger/baler serial #125105 and during
  the course of his employment he slipped and fell.
- 2. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING, LLC, was a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner of the bailer.
- 3. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, was a California corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner and/or leasor of the bailer whom they leased to Plaintiff's employer Thornton Auto

Crushing, LLC.

- 4. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiffs, RICHARD A. CLARK and JENNIFER CLARK, were married.
- 5. That at said time and place, and at the time it left the possession and control of the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, the car logger/baler was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition in that:
  - a. it failed to provide adequate platform and/or area in which to provide known maintenance including refilling the hydraulic fluid;
  - b. it failed to have handrails or area in which to hold onto while performing routine maintenance including refilling hydraulic fluid.
- 6. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unreasonably dangerous conditions the Plaintiff, Richard A. Clark, slipped and fell causing him to severely injure his left arm including open fractures, dislocation and/or nerve injury and injury to his body as a whole; the Plaintiff has suffered physical pain, mental suffering, mental anguish and distress, disability, disfigurement and loss of enjoyment of a normal life; and Plaintiff, Jennifer Clark, suffers loss of consortium due to her husband's injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff JENNIFER CLARK, prays judgment against the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING LLC, in a sum in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus costs herein expended.

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW Attorney for Plaintiff IL REG. #6187925

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## COUNT IV

Comes now the Plaintiff, JENNIFER CLARK, by and through his attorneys, COOK, YSURSA, BARTHOLOMEW, BRAUER & SHEVLIN, LTD., and JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW, and for Count IV of her Complaint against the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, states as follows:

- 1. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiff, RICHARD A. CLARK, was an employee of Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC and during the course of his employment was required to refill the hydraulic fluid on a Sierra International Machinery LLC 2006 model number RB6000 car logger/baler serial #125105 and during the course of his employment he slipped and fell.
- 2. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, RIVER METALS RECYCLING, LLC, was a Kentucky corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner of the bailer.

- 4. That at all times mentioned herein the Plaintiffs, RICHARD A. CLARK and JENNIFER CLARK, were married.
- 5. That on or about March 11, 2013, the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, was a California corporation authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and doing business in the State of Illinois and the owner and/or leasor of the bailer whom they leased to plaintiff's employer Thornton Auto Crushing, LLC.
- 6. That at said time and place, and at the time it left the possession and control of the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, the baler was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition in that:
  - a. it failed to provide adequate platform and/or area in which to provide known maintenance including refilling the hydraulic fluid;
  - b. it failed to have handrails or area in which to hold onto while performing routine maintenance including refilling hydraulic fluid.
- 7. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing defective and unreasonably dangerous conditions the Plaintiff, Richard A. Clark, slipped and fell causing him to severely injure his left arm including open fractures, dislocation and/or nerve injury and injury to his body as a whole; the Plaintiff has suffered physical pain, mental suffering, mental anguish and distress, disability, disfigurement and loss of enjoyment of a normal life; and Plaintiff, Jennifer

Clark, suffers loss of consortium due to her husband's injuries.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff JENNIFER CLARK, prays judgment against the Defendant, SIERRA INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY LLC, in a sum in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus costs herein expended.

JOSEPH A. BARTHOLOMEW Attorney for Plaintiff IL REG. #6187925

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RE:

**Process Served in Illinois** 

FOR:

River Metals Recycling, LLC (Domestic State: KY)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Richard A. Clark and Jennifer Clark, Pltfs. vs. River Metals Recycling LLC and Sierra

International Machinery, LLC, Dfts.

Name discrepancy noted.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Summons, Notice, Affidavit, Complaint and Demand

COURT/AGENCY:

St. Clair County - 20th Judicial Circuit Court, IL

Case # 15L121

NATURE OF ACTIONS

Personal Injury - Slip/Trip and Fall - On or about March 11, 2013 at defendants

premises

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Chicago, IL

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Process Server on 03/27/2015 at 10:00

**JURISDICTION SERVED:** 

Illinois

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after service of this summons, Exclusive of the day of service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

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